NASA Global Hawk HS3 Operations Overview



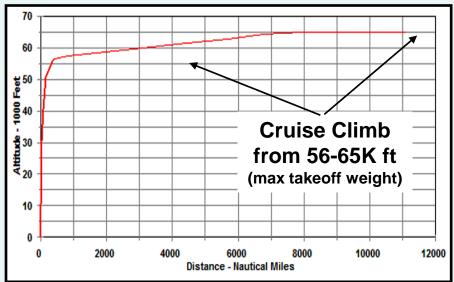
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NASA Global Hawk System



Endurance	> 30 hours
Range	>11,000 nmi
Service Ceiling	65,000 ft
Airspeed (55K+ ft)	335 KTAS
Payload	1,000-1,500 lb
Length	44 ft
Wingspan	116 ft



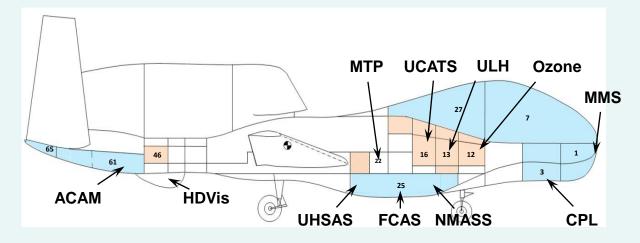






GloPac '09 Payloads





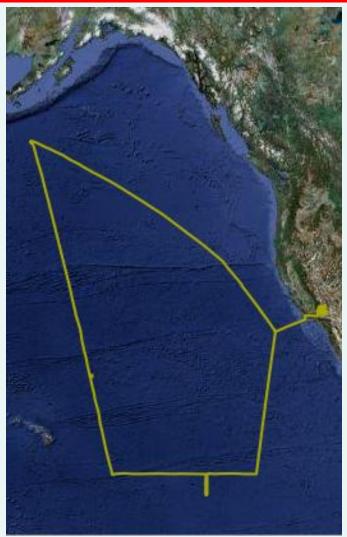
- **ACAM** Airborne Compact Atmospheric Mapper
 - **CPL Cloud Physics LIDAR**
- FCAS Focused Cavity Aerosol Spectrometer
- MMS Meteorological Measurement System
- **MTP** Microwave Temperature Profiler
- **HDVis HiDef Video System**
- NMASS Nuclei-mode Aerosol Size Spectrometer
- Ozone NOAA UAS Ozone
- **UCATS UAS** Chromatograph for Atmospheric Trace Species
- **UHSAS** Ultra-High Sensitivity Aerosol Spectrometer
 - **ULH UAS Laser Hygrometer**



GloPac Mission Recap







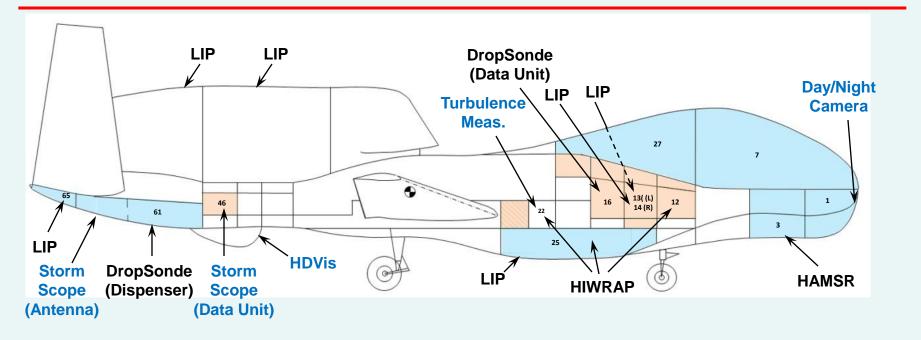


3 Flights, 67 hours, 22,300 nm



GRIP '10 Payloads



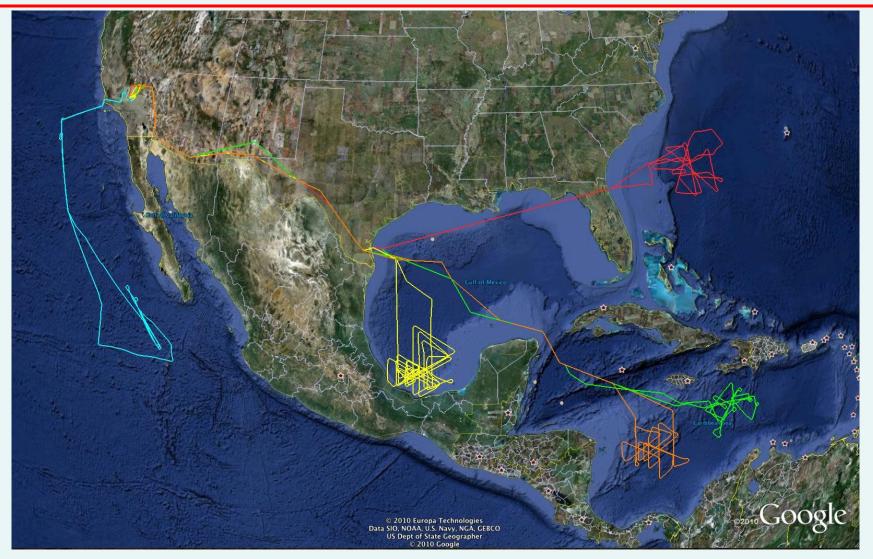


- LIP Lightning (and Electric Field Meas.) Instrument Package
- **HAMSR** High Altitude MMIC Sounding Radiometer
- HIWRAP High Altitude Imaging Wind and Rain Profiler
- **DropSonde NOAA DropSonde System (75 dropwindsondes)**



GRIP Mission Recap





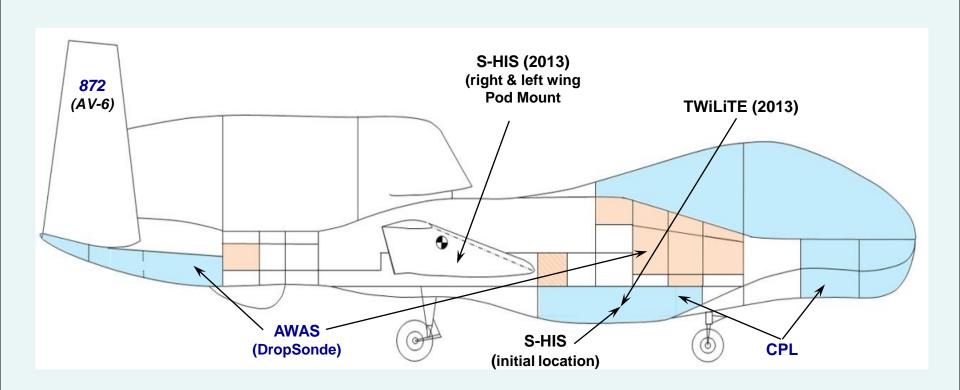
5 Flights, 126 hours, 42,000 nm – 50+ 'eye' over-flights



HS3 Payload Integration



AV-6 "Environmental" Instrument Configuration

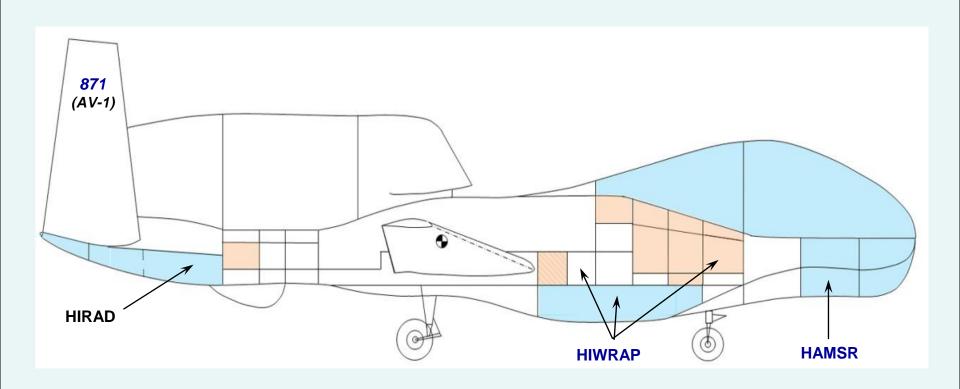




HS3 Payload Integration



AV-1 "Over Storm" Instrument Configuration

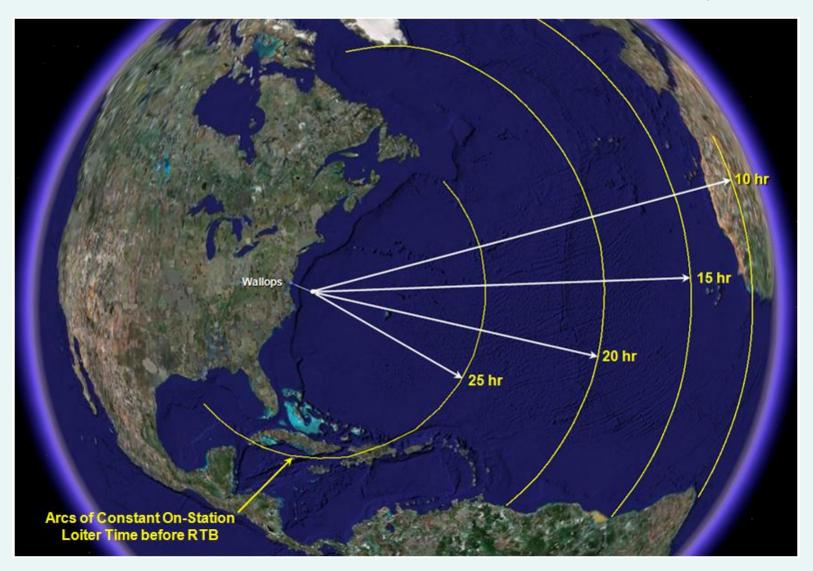




HS3 Operational Capability



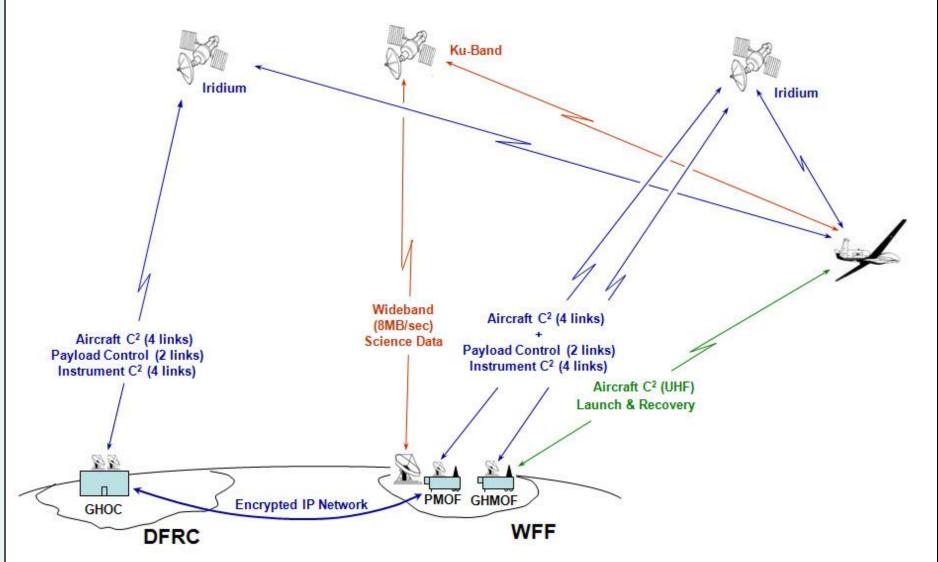
NASA Wallops used for Remote-site Launch & Recovery





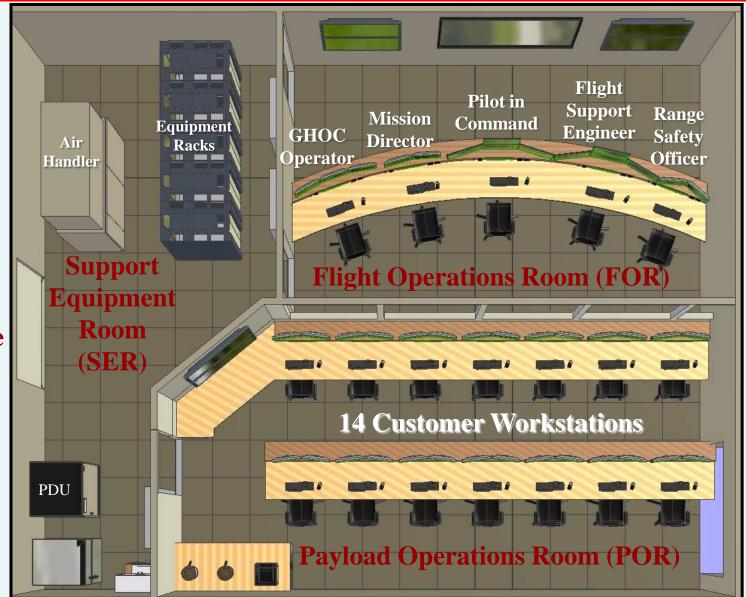
A/C & Payload Communications DFRC + Remote Site Facilities







Global Hawk Operations Center (GHOC)



Facility Entrance



GHMOF





The GHMOF and Portable Payload Op's Trailer will be operational next year this time.



























Key Op's Questions, Issues



Flight Duration

- Average is increasing as team gets more experience: ~28 hrs
- Deep Radome has ~5% impact

Turn-around Time

- 2-Shift Op's used during GRIP
- Pre-flight, Post-flight, fueling requirements, flexibility

Hazard Avoidance

- Situation Awareness Enhancements being implemented
- Remote-site Operations
 - New for the GH Team
 - Staffing at both DFRC & Site

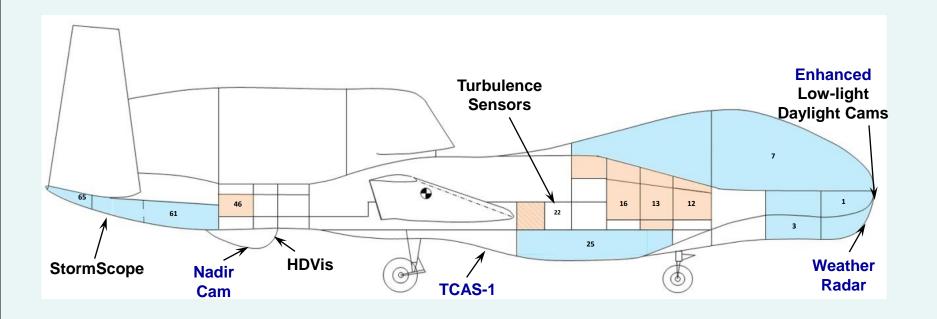






Pilot Situational Awareness Enhancements





4 Cameras - HDVis, Nose HD Day / Low-light, HD Nadir Cam

Storm Scope - Lightning Detection Display

Accelerometers - Real-time Turbulence Time-history Display

Weather Radar - X-band Radar in Nose (proposed implementation)

TCAS-I - SkyWatch Display (proposed implementation)



Lessons Learned



GH Team

- Integration experience schedule impacts
- Staffing Issues being worked

Payload Comm's

- Wideband Data use
- Instrument C2

Flight Ops

- COA experience expanding
- International experience
- Mod's to GH FOM expanding
 - Lightning
 - Storm overflight
- Hurricane experience by Flt.
 Team



